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SUBJECT: SOVIETS AGAIN PROPOSE GENERAL BILATERAL REVIEW OF
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1. SUMMARY: DURING CALL ON NOVEMBER 29 ON TIMERBAYEV OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGAIZATIONS DIVISION OF MFA IN WHICH HE INFORMED ME OF SOVIET DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NUCLEAR EXPORTERS MEETING (SEPTTEL), HE REITERATED SUGGESTION THAT THE SOVIET AND U.S. HOLD DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW ON A BROAD RANGE OF NON-PROLIFERATION MATTERS, I.E., ENLARGEMENT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE NPT, THE REVIEW CONFERENCE, THE IAEA PANEL ON PNE'S, ETC. END SUMMARY

2. AFTER WE HAD FINISHED OUR DISCUSSION ON THE EXPORTERS CONFERENCE, TIMERBAYEV SAID THAT THE SOVIETS STILL BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HOLD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON "NPT AND OTHER MATTERS." HE SAID THAT HE HAD IN MIND A MEETING WHICH WOULD BE HELD IN MOSCOW, CHAIRED BY MOROKHOV AND MYSELF, IN WHICH A GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO CONSIDER NPT ISSUES AND OTHER MATTERS WHICH HE COMMUNICATED TO US IN OCTOBER.

3. I REPLIED THAT I WOULD AGAIN REPORT SOVIET INTEREST IN SUCH A DISCUSSION. I SAID THAT I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE QUESTIONS HE MENTIONED WERE ALL THE SUBJECT OF
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CONSIDERABLE PREPARATORY WORK IN WASHINGTON. MY PERSONAL

IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, WAS THAT WE CONTINUED TO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO COVER ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS IN A SINGLE SET OF DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW. TIMERBAYEV EXPLAINED THAT WHAT HE WAS PROPOSING WOULD BE ONLY A GENERAL DISCUSSION TO ESTABLISH WHICH ISSUES NEED TO BE SUBJECTED TO MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION. A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD ESTABLISH WHICH ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THAT CONFERENCE WOULD REQUIRE DETAILED CONSIDERATION ON THE EXPERT LEVEL. HE CONTINUED THAT MOROKHOV ALSO HAD MENTIONED THAT IAEA PANEL ON PNE'S AS A SUBJECT WHICH COULD BE USEFULLY DISCUSSED IN THIS MANNER. TIME IS PRESSING, TIMERBAYEV NOTED, ON THE PNE PANEL, AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MEET IN ADVANCE. I REPLIED THAT THIS WAS STILL OUR INTENTION.

4. TIMERBAYEV CONCLUDED BY STRESSING THE SOVIET VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A TOUR D'HORIZON IN MOSCOW OF NON-PROLIFERATION MATTERS IN ORDER TO "SORT OUT" PROBLEM AREAS AND DETERMINE SUBJECTS WHICH COULD BE PURSUED BY OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN OTHER FORA. STOESSEL

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